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1                   AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

2           AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 28 by  
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4           "WHEREAS, Illinois has more units of local government than  
5 any state in the country, numbered at over 7,000; and

6           WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that consolidation of  
7 units of local government will result in cost-saving for the  
8 taxpayers; and

9           WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that consolidation of  
10 units of local government shall only occur with no reduction in  
11 the quality of service to taxpayers; and

12           WHEREAS, Lake County and the 31st Legislative District  
13 would benefit from a study assessing how specific units of  
14 local government may be consolidated or dissolved; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
4 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Working Group on Local Government  
5 Consolidation is created to identify ways to eliminate barriers  
6 to consolidation and resolve certain discrepancies in the  
7 Illinois statutes governing local governments and special  
8 districts in Lake County and the 31st Legislative District; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, The Working Group shall consist of the following  
11 members:

12 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
13 of the Senate, who shall serve as chair;

14 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
15 Minority Leader;

16 (3) one member of the House of Representatives  
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

18 (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;

20 (5) one member selected from recommendations provided  
21 by the Lake County Board appointed by the Governor;

22 (6) one member selected from recommendations provided  
23 by the Lake County Forest Preserve District appointed by  
24 the Governor;

1           (7) three members from local townships appointed by the  
2 Governor;

3           (8) two members from local fire protection districts  
4 appointed by the Governor;

5           (9) two members from local park districts appointed by  
6 the Governor;

7           (10) one member selected by the College of Lake County  
8 appointed by the Governor;

9           (11) two members from local elementary school  
10 districts selected by recommendations provided by the  
11 Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Governor; and

12           (12) two members from local high school districts  
13 selected by recommendations provided by the Superintendent  
14 of Schools appointed by the Governor; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, The Working Group shall meet periodically but no  
16 less than once every 3 months; the group shall meet in  
17 accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and  
18 be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Revenue shall  
20 provide administrative support and technical assistance to the  
21 Working Group; and be it further

22           RESOLVED, The Working Group shall accept testimony and  
23 evidence from third parties, including comments from the public

1 at large, in crafting their report to the General Assembly; and  
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That Working Group shall submit their report to  
4 the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2016; the report  
5 shall include findings including, but not limited to, the  
6 following issues as they occur in Lake County:

7 (1) an assessment of the number of units of local  
8 government and the costs associated with each unit,  
9 including salaries, expenses, and operating costs;

10 (2) an assessment of the units of local government are  
11 engaged in intergovernmental cooperation efforts and what,  
12 if any, cost savings such partnerships have resulted in;

13 (3) recommendations for the elimination of barriers to  
14 consolidation;

15 (4) recommendations for the streamlining or  
16 consolidation of units of local government; and

17 (5) recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation  
18 potential.".